In the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A highly water-absorptive ophthalmic lens ~~which is~~ formed of a macromolecular material including vinyl alcohol unit as a major component~~, wherein the improvement comprises: the~~ . The macromolecular material ~~being~~ is formed by saponifying a copolymer obtained by copolymerization of a polymerizable monomer composition which consists of vinyl acetate and diethylene glycol divinyl ether~~; the~~. The ophthalmic lens ~~having~~ has a water content ~~in a range from~~ of 73% to 84%~~; and the ophthalmic lens having~~, a ratio of a dimensional change of less than ±2 %, and is free from whitening after (A) ~~the ophthalmic lens has been~~ being subjected to three cycles of a freezing-thawing operation wherein the ophthalmic lens formed of the macromolecular material is left at a temperature of not higher than −10°C for not less than twelve hours, and is subsequently left at a temperature in a range from 15°C to 30°C for not less than six hours, and/or (B) ~~the ophthalmic lens has~~ having been kept at a temperature in a range from 1°C to 9°C for three months.